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Greetings,

It looks like summer is finally here. Our cool, rainy spring has finally transitioned into the DC area's infamous steamy summer climate. I describe it as "soft." My husband says it's "muggy." We disagree all the time about eating outside or inside when dining at our favorites restaurants. He usually wins.

Whether or not you enjoy the heat, make sure you are prepared for summer storms. The mix of heat and moisture often results in our classic weather advisory: "late day thunderstorms, some could be severe". By signing up for CEAN (Community Emergency Area Network) at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean/ you will be alerted to developing weather and traffic situations that will help keep you safe and prepared.



On the fun side of summer, I hope you are enjoying the great things Fairfax County has to offer. From **Farmers' Markets** to **free summer concerts**, there is something for everyone. I'm especially excited about our new concert series here at the Government Center, **Evenings on the Ellipse**, which will debut at 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 11th. See inside this issue of the Byline for details about performances throughout July and August.

Both of Fairfax County's new wineries, Bull Run and Paradise Springs, are showcasing their award winning wines during tastings on concert nights. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside to the Government Center's forum, so there will be no

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In August, Sully District Supervisor Mike Frey and I will be attending (at no cost to the taxpayer!) the **World Police & Fire Games** (WP&FG) in Belfast, Northern Ireland. At the conclusion of the games, Belfast will be passing the torch to Fairfax County as the next host for this event in 2015.

The prestigious World Police & Fire Games are the second largest international athletic competition after the Summer Olympics. The event features police officers, firefighters, customs and corrections officers from around the world demonstrating their athletic excellence in 'Olympic' style sporting events. Venues for WP&FG activities will include locations throughout the region.

You can be kept up-to-date on these exciting plans by going to the WP&FG website at <http://fairfax2015.com/>. With Fairfax County "next up" to host the games, you will be hearing more and more during the months ahead about opportunities for sponsorships and volunteerism.



On the **transportation front**, Fairfax County is working non-stop with our fellow Northern Virginia jurisdictions on plans to put new HB 2313 funding to work. The **Northern Virginia Transportation Authority** (NVTA) has organized itself into five working groups that will address legal, financial, organizational, public outreach, and project implementation issues. A number of community outreach sessions have already been held throughout the region and more are planned. You can follow the work of the NVTA by visiting their website at www.thenovaauthority.org/. The first round of projects are expected to be selected by late July.

Thanks so much for staying informed through this Byline! And thanks to those of you who joined me on June 12th for the Evolution of Transportation in Fairfax. If you were not able to attend in person, you can watch the full Evolution [video on demand now](#). Our Cable Channel 16 crew did an especially good job with a video looking at our past (click link to the right). I hope you have a chance to watch!



[The History of Transportation in Fairfax County](#)

Sincerely,

Sharon Bulova

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors



Home Child Care Changes

On June 18, the Board of Supervisors voted to amend the [zoning ordinance concerning home child care facilities](#). The amendment increases the maximum number of children allowed in a home child care facility with a special permit from 10 to 12, and reduces the permit fee to \$435. The ordinance amendment was prompted by a state administrative change that requires all state-licensed child care providers to show that they are in compliance with local zoning laws. **There is a tremendous need for quality child care in the County and, with this ordinance change, the Board of Supervisors wanted to ensure that existing and future home child care facilities are safe and manageable for children, providers, parents, and neighbors.**

The next step in this process is outreach to all state-licensed child care providers. Our Board will be hosting an **informational town hall** for state-licensed child care providers to educate

providers on the approved zoning ordinance amendment. **This town hall will be held on July 20, 2013 from 10am-12pm in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035.**

Providers will also have the opportunity to take part in educational workshops hosted by the Office for Children later in the afternoon. County staff will hold additional workshops around the County to assist providers with their applications and answer questions. These meetings will be advertised once dates and times have been finalized. To RSVP for the July 20 town hall, please email your name and contact information to dfsifel@fairfaxcounty.gov. Providers may also contact the Office for Children at 703-324-8000 if they have any questions or concerns.

Public Meetings on Transportation

We'd like to hear from you! County residents have a couple of great opportunities to learn about and influence the future of our transportation network.

Public Hearing on NVTa Fiscal Year 2014 Regional Projects

Regular Byline readers will recall that the landmark transportation passed by the 2013 General Assembly will provide new state revenue for transportation projects starting on July 1. Northern Virginia is expected to receive \$1.9 billion over the next six years and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTa) has been tasked with allocating 70% of this money to regional transportation and mass transit projects.

NVTa has developed a draft list of projects and will be holding a **Public Hearing on July 24** at 6pm at City Hall in the City of Fairfax, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, 22030. To learn more about the projects under consideration or to provide comments if you cannot attend the hearing, please visit www.thenovaauthority.org.

Public Meeting to Review Plans for a Fairfax County Interconnected Transit Network

As County residents, you will also have an opportunity to share your thoughts and concerns about the future of transit in Fairfax County. On **Wednesday, July 10 from 6 - 9 pm**, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host an open-house **public meeting and workshop to discuss the proposed High Quality Transit Network concept**. This policy proposal - based on the Countywide Transit Network Study - identifies travel corridors where transit systems can be expanded to enhance mobility and access between popular destinations. The proposal includes expanding Metrorail, adding light-rail systems and dedicating lanes to buses so that they may move faster.





FCDOT is seeking comments and suggestions on the proposed network to ensure that this policy supports residents' movements throughout the county and the region. The meeting will be held at the **Fairfax County Government Center** (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035) in **Rooms 4 and 5**.

If you want to learn more before you arrive, or are unable to attend the meeting, you can go online and visit the County's website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy> or join the online discussion board at <http://www.fairfaxcountydof.ideascale.com/>. I hope you are all able to participate in this great opportunity to make your voices heard regarding the future of transportation in our county!

Summer Travel Along I-95

This summer will be a busy construction season as crews work to complete the 95 Express Lanes by late 2014. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recently granted approval for the 95 Express Lanes project to **fully close segments of the I-95 HOV system during weekends** to allow additional time for construction activities.



Drivers traveling through the project corridor this summer should prepare for:

- Newly implemented: **Full weekend closures of segments in the HOV.**
- Continuation of **partial daytime HOV lane closures and nightly HOV full system closures.**
- **Nightly lane closures on I-95 north and south** - detours planned for overnight steel operations.
- Total temporary lane closures after midnight for up to 30 minutes.

The closures are in place for crews to drill foundations for signs, lights and camera poles; install wire and cable; install storm drainage; and mill and place pavement/markings. Closing segments of the HOV lanes each weekend will allow crews more time to complete critical work and will:

- Provide drivers with a predictable weekend schedule in which they can plan ahead for alternate routes.
- Allow construction teams to complete work ahead of schedule.
- Reduce the "construction zone" atmosphere in the HOV lanes.
- improve safety of travelers and crews by removing traffic from sections of the

project corridor.

For the latest information on travel on I-95, sign up for alerts on the latest traffic information: <http://www.vamegaprojects.com/sign-up>.

Evenings on the Ellipse Concert Series



To take advantage of the warmer weather, my office, working with the Park Authority, is hosting the [Evenings on the Ellipse](#) concert series this summer. Starting on July 11 on Thursday evenings, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Fairfax County Government Center's "backyard" will be alive with music, relaxation and fun. Concerts are designed for employees and nearby residents who wish to celebrate the end of the day in Wolf Trap-esque style! If you like music and enjoy spending time with family, co-workers and friends, you will love this concert series! Concert evenings will include free wine tastings hosted by Fairfax County's two wineries, Paradise Springs and Bull Run.

If you are a fan of outdoor concerts, please know that summer fun is happening all over the County - from [Braddock Nights](#) in Fairfax and Springfield, to [Spotlight by Starlight](#) in Annandale, [Nottaway Nights](#) in Vienna, [Lee District Nights](#) in Franconia, [Hunter Mill Melodies](#), [Mt. Vernon Nights](#), [Arts in the Parks](#) and [Starlight Cinema](#) at Trinity Centre in Centreville - there is something for everyone to enjoy! Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/> for a full complement of already scheduled performances!

These summer concert series are brought to you by members of the Board of Supervisors in partnership with our Fairfax County Park Authority. We thank our generous corporate sponsors for helping to make these good times happen!

Celebrating the Fourth of July!



Looking for some fun **Fourth of July celebrations?**

Take a look at the [Visit Fairfax website](#) to learn about all of the [different ways that you can celebrate Independence day](#) in Fairfax County!

From fireworks to parades to commemorations, Fairfax County is the place to be this 4th of July!

July Sparkles at the Workhouse



2012 Workhouse Fireworks, photo credit James Cullen Lorton Patch

From Fireworks to an Ice Cream Social, from the City of Fairfax Band Swing Ensemble to the Clifton Film Festival, July explodes with something for everyone at the **Workhouse Arts Center**, (9601 Ox Road, Lorton, Virginia 22079, 703-584-2900)!

July 5-7

July starts with a BANG on July 6 at the **Workhouse Fireworks Celebration** featuring the bluegrass sounds of Frank Solivan and Dirty

Kitchen at 7pm, the swinging tunes of the City of Fairfax Band Swing Ensemble at 8pm and, of course, one of the best fireworks display in the area at 9pm.

July 12-14

Like ice cream and one-of-a-kind art works? Come to the **5th Annual Ice Cream Social Fundraiser** for the **Workhouse Ceramics Program** on July 13 from 12-4pm. Purchase a handmade ice cream bowl; fill it with Hershey's ice cream and other confections; enjoy the tunes of local rock and blues band Backyard Blues, pony rides and raffles; all while supporting a great cause! Other activities on campus this Saturday include a children's theater performance of Peter Pan and Captain Hook in the Fairies' Land at 1pm, Cool Cow Comedy Night at 7pm & 9pm, 2nd Saturday Art Walk from 6-9pm and Mount Vernon Nights Concert with the bluegrass sounds of Claire Lynch at 7pm.

July 19-21

The third weekend in July finds music, theater, dance, film and Date Night at the Workhouse - truly something for everyone's taste! First, reminisce to the 60's rock-n-roll band The Sixth Generation at 8pm in an outdoor concert on Friday, July 19 in the Rizer Pavilion. On Saturday, July 20, choose from Peter Pan and Captain Hook in the Fairies' Land at 1pm, Clifton Film Festival from 4-10pm, Ballroom Social Dance from 7:30-

10:30pm, Mount Vernon Nights Concert with the sounds of Pearl and the Beard at 7pm, two one-act plays Lone Star and Laundry & Bourbon at 8pm, Date Night: Chef's Table from 8-10pm.

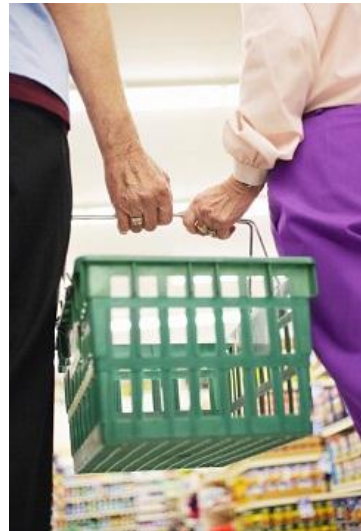
July 26-28

Finally, on Saturday, July 27 you can enjoy children's theater Peter Pan at 1pm, Cecil Ray Comedy Show at 7pm and Mount Vernon Nights Concert with the folk sounds of Debi Smith at 7pm. The Urban Decay 4 exhibition will be closing this weekend, if you have not seen it yet, be sure to stop by and enjoy this edgy artwork in the McGuireWoods Gallery.

Creating a More Older Adult-Friendly Community

Fairfax County projects a dramatic increase in its older population. Between 2005 and 2030, the county expects the 50 and over population to increase by 40 percent and the 70 and over age group by 88 percent.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, together with the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging, is working to continue progress toward creating a more livable community for its older residents. This summer, we are hosting community forums throughout the county to hear what residents have to say. Focus areas include housing and transportation; easy access to services; and healthy lifestyles and community engagement. This is your chance to share your ideas on what we need to do together to ensure the county continues to be a livable, lifelong community for its growing older population.



Once the community forums are completed, a new Fairfax 50+ Action Plan will be developed.

Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults to link to the registration page and find additional forums as they are scheduled. You can also register by calling 703-324-5411, TTY 711. If you cannot attend a forum and would like comment, call us or email us at DFSCCommunity@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Currently scheduled forums:

Wednesday, July 10, 4-6 p.m.

Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon, VA 20170

Thursday, July 11, 9-11 a.m.

Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, VA 22003

Virginia's First Asian-American Judge

Please join me in congratulating Fairfax County resident John Tran, who was recently appointed by the Virginia General Assembly to the Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Mr. Tran will become the first Asian-American ever to serve as a judge in the Commonwealth of Virginia. What a milestone-congratulations

